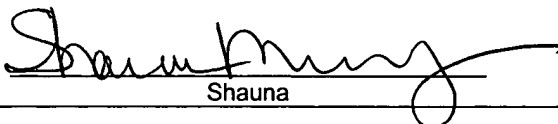




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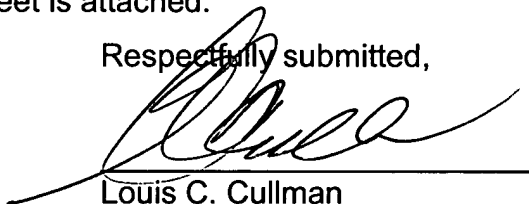
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Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner for a three month extension of time for responding to the Final Office Action dated July 11, 2003, extending the statutory period of response from October 11, 2003 to January 11, 2004.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the extension fee in the amount of \$475 to Deposit Account 50-1329. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional filing fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1329. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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